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48 schools awarded funds for “safe routes” projects

More than \$380,000 will help improve safety

SALEM – Classes on bicycle safety, new crossing guard supplies, and teacher training: these are just a few of the ways several dozen Oregon schools will work to encourage walking and biking safely to school, thanks to grants from the Safe Routes to School program. Ten new awards totaling \$382,392 and involving 48 schools around the state will make up the 2010 Safe Routes to School program. The Safe Routes to School program, which includes both infrastructure projects such as bicycle shelters and non-infrastructure projects such as education and encouragement programs, is administered by the Oregon Department of Transportation’s Safety Division. The SRTS Advisory Committee is currently reviewing applications for infrastructure projects. The next opportunity for SRTS funding will be announced in spring 2010. See www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS for more information.

Commute Options for Central Oregon

\$94,300

Schools: High Lakes Elementary; Jewell Elementary; REALMS; Elk Meadow Elementary; Juniper Elementary; Ensworth Elementary; Cascade Middle School; Bear Creek Elementary; MA Lynch Elementary

One year project will increase walking and bicycling at participating schools, building on best practices such as establishing Walking School Buses, providing bike and pedestrian safety education, and involving students in creating learning tools.

Greater Albany School District

\$38,000

Schools: Oak Elementary, Oak Grove Elementary, Timber Ridge School, Lafayette Elementary, North Albany Middle School

One year project will encourage walking/biking to school through special events, pedestrian and bicycle safety education, education through school/district newsletters and Web sites and by partnering with other agencies.

Hood River School District

\$2,105

Hood River Middle School

One year project will promote pedestrian and bike safety and support overtime enforcement by Hood River Police Dept. to encourage helmet use, and enforce speed and crosswalk laws in school zones.

Jefferson Co. Health Dept.

\$67,726

Schools: Buff Elementary; Madras Elementary

Two year program will provide bicycle and pedestrian safety education, Safe Routes to School curricula in district schools and Neighborhood Watch program support.

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Klamath County Health Dept.**\$9,117**

Fairview Elementary

One year program will provide Crossing Guard supplies, create Walking School Bus program and events, and support parent Safe Routes to School education night.

Klamath County Health Dept.**\$15,857**

Shasta Elementary

One year program will fund Walking School Bus program and events, parent education program, bike rodeo, "train the trainer" for pedestrian/bicycle education, and an education video with students.

Oakland School District**\$24,025**

Lincoln Elementary

Two year program will provide funds for teacher training on Safe Routes to School curricula, student education in class and on the road, parent/community education through a student community service project, and creating a bike fleet for bike safety education.

City of Portland**\$100,000**

Schools: Abernethy Elementary; Atkinson Elementary; Boise-Eliot K-8; Buckman Elementary; Capitol Hill Elementary; Chapman Elementary; Chief Joseph PK-5; Clarendon at Portsmouth K-8; Faubion K-7; Forest Park Elementary; Gilbert Heights Elementary; Gilbert Park Elementary; Harvey Scott K-8; Humboldt PK-7; Kelly Elementary; Lent K-8; Lewis Elementary; Mill Park Elementary; Prescott Elementary; Rieke Elementary; Rosa Parks Elementary; Russell Academy; Sacramento Elementary; Sunnyside Environmental; Vestal K-8

Two year program will provide funds to track 25 schools from the Portland Safe Routes to School program through innovative evaluation efforts and to create a promotional program of pedestrian/bicycle safety for 2nd and 5th graders' families.

Rogue Valley Transportation District**\$21,275**

Walker Elementary

One year project will expand and enhance encouragement, education and enforcement program and support a Walking School Bus, bicycle, train and "Park & Stride" program.

Sisters School District #6**\$9,987**

Schools: Sisters Elementary; Sisters Middle School

One year project will fund Safe Routes to School coordinator to raise awareness of both schools' involvement with SRTS activities, instruct students in 4th – 6th grades in bike and pedestrian safety, and participate in the May Walk and Bike Challenge.

For more information about ODOT's Safe Routes to School program, visit

www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/saferoutes.shtml.

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